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To
Subject Re: Ellsworth Industrial Park Site meeting

Tom,

I represent Principal Manufacturing Corp. in relation to the above referenced claim. My client purchased the assets of a another company which leased the premises in question sometime around 1980. My client advises me that they never used the chemicals that are the subject matter of this claim, and never dumped any such chemicals on the property that they leased. I don't know what information that EPA has with respect to my clients involvement in chemicals being found in the ground of the property that we leased a number of years ago, but I would like to know if there might be a way for me to provide you with an affidavit of my client, or for you to advise as to why we have been listed as a PRP. If it is because the company whose assets we purchased dumped chemicals on the property before 1980, then I would like to have the opportunity to provide you with documents which will show a clear legal distinction between my company and the pre-1980 company that leased those premises. I thank you for your consideration of this issue, and wish to confirm that this request in no way is intended to effect the issues and negotiations that are and have been conducted on our behalf and behalf of the other PRP's by Bruce White. Thank you.

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> Tomorrow's meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, March 21
> at 10 am at
> a location TBA. U.S. EPA has agreed to extend the deadline for a good
> faith offer until Tuesday, March 22. If you have any lingering
> questions concerning the cost estimates, the cash-out approach, or any
> other issues relevant to the good faith offer and the negotiations I
> encourage you to provide them by e-mail or phone call prior to the next
> meeting if at all possible.
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> Tom Krueger
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